

ARTICLE II. BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEE*

***State law references:** Business registration fee, NMSA 1978, §§ 4-37-1, 3-38-3 et seq.

Sec. 14-31. Purpose of article.

The purpose of this article is to aid and assist the health, safety and welfare of the county.

(Ord. No. 93-12, § 2, 7-6-93)

Sec. 14-32. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Chairman means the chairman of the board of county commissioners, or his duly authorized representative.

County means Bernalillo County, outside the Albuquerque city limits.

Engaging in a business or doing business means operating, conducting, doing, carrying on or pursuing any business, occupation, trade or pursuit for the purpose of direct or indirect benefit.

Occupation means every person engaging in any business.

(Ord. No. 93-12, § 3, 7-6-93)

Cross references: Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 14-33. Penalty for violation of article.

The penalty for not having paid the business registration fee shall be a \$250.00 fine.

(Ord. No. 93-12, § 5, 7-6-93)

Sec. 14-34. Required.

No person, unless otherwise exempted in this article, shall engage in an occupation without first paying the business registration fee.

(Ord. No. 93-12, § 2, 7-6-93)

Sec. 14-35. Procedure for payment.

Each person engaged in any occupation in the county shall first obtain a tax identification number from the state taxation and revenue department. The person must then fill out an application describing the type of business and the location of each such business. The person will take the

application to the zoning, building and planning office for the purpose of paying the fee due. A permit and inspection by the county fire department are required in accordance with Ordinance Number 92-10. The zoning, building and planning office will verify that the business location has the proper zoning and will coordinate appropriate inspection of the property by the zoning, building, environmental health and fire marshall's offices to ensure that the requirements of all relevant county ordinances are met. Following approval of the required inspection and payment of necessary fees the zoning office will issue a license to conduct business in the county for a period of one year. The zoning, building and planning office will mail a renewal notice to each person doing business in the county 30 days prior to the yearly expiration date on the business registration application. It is the sole responsibility of the person engaged in business in the county to pay the business registration fee.

(Ord. No. 93-12, § 4, 7-6-93; Ord. No. 2005-9, § 1, 8-9-05)

Sec. 14-36. Term of registration.

The term of the business registration shall be for one calendar year from the time of application.

(Ord. No. 93-12, § 6, 7-6-93)

Sec. 14-37. Payment prior to engagement; amount.

No person, unless otherwise exempted in this article shall engage in an occupation without first paying the business registration fee. The business registration fee shall be \$35.00 which shall not be prorated for businesses conducted for a portion of the year. An administrative fee of \$15.00 in addition to the \$35.00 annual fee shall be charged for the initial application for a county business license.

(Ord. No. 93-12, § 7, 7-6-93; Ord. No. 2005-9, § 1, 8-9-05)

Sec. 14-38. Enforcement of article.

The county manager or a duly appointed representative shall establish administrative procedures and policies for the implementation and enforcement of this article and the collection of the fees and penalties provided for in this article.

(Ord. No. 93-12, § 8, 7-6-93; Ord. No. 2005-9, § 1, 8-9-05)

Secs. 14-39--14-60. Reserved.